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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Poll Shows Whitmer Trusted More Than Trump to Address Coronavirus Crisis, Biden Leads In Race for White House

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Public Policy Polling's newest Michigan survey finds that a majority of voters in the state disapprove of the job President Trump is doing handling the coronavirus. Meanwhile, a majority of voters approve of the job Governor Whitmer is doing handling the virus.

-Whitmer's net approval rating for her handling of the virus is 26 points better than Trump's. Whitmer has a +17 approval for it at 55/38, while Trump gets a -9 rating with only 42% approving and 51% disapproving of the job he's doing handling the virus.

-On the head to head question of who voters trust more to protect Michigan from the coronavirus, Whitmer beats out Trump 55-37, including a 56-32 spread with independents.

-By a 10-point margin, voters do not think President Trump is doing enough to protect America from the coronavirus – 42% of voters think he's doing enough, while 52% do not.

The survey also finds that Michigan voters think social distancing measures need to stay in place and they trust Governor Whitmer more than Trump to decide how to reopen the state:

-Only 26% of voters think social distancing measures should be relaxed, with 66% believing that the current policies are correct, including 68% of independent voters.

-Voters say they would choose safety over speed when it comes to reopening the economy. When asked to choose between reopening the economy more quickly, or more safely, just 30% say they would choose to reopen the economy more quickly, while 65% say they would choose to reopen the economy more safely, including 66% of independent voters.

-60% of voters say that President Trump and his administration deserve a great deal or at least some responsibility for both the number of Americans who have died and the number of jobs lost due to the coronavirus. 43% of voters say that Trump deserves "a great deal" of responsibility for lives lost, 17% say "some" responsibility and just 35% say "not very much" responsibility. When it comes to jobs lost, 38% say Trump deserves "a great deal" of responsibility, 22% say "some" responsibility and just 37% say "not very much" responsibility. **Among independent voters, 61% say that Trump deserves a great deal or at least some responsibility for both lives lost, and jobs lost.**

Trump's overall approval rating in the state is 44/51, and he **trails Joe Biden 51-45** in a head to head match up.

PPP surveyed 1,234 Michigan voters on May 18th-19th on behalf of Protect Our Care. The survey was conducted half by calls to landlines and half by texts to cell phones, and the margin of error is +/-2.8%





Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove 51%
Not sure 5%

Q2 If the candidates for President this fall were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?

Joe Biden 51%
Donald Trump 45%
Not sure 5%

Q3 How concerned would you say you are about the coronavirus: very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not that concerned?

Very concerned 55%
Somewhat concerned 29%
Not that concerned 16%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing handling the coronavirus?

Approve 42%
Disapprove 51%
Not sure 7%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Gretchen Whitmer is doing handling the coronavirus?

Approve 55%
Disapprove 38%
Not sure 7%

Q6 Who do you trust more to protect Michigan from the coronavirus: Governor Whitmer, or President Trump?

Trust Governor Whitmer more 55%
Trust President Trump more 37%
Not sure 8%

Q7 What is your largest concern with the coronavirus- that you or a family member will get the virus, or the economic impact it has on your family?

That I or a family member will get the virus 52%
The economic impact it has on my family 39%
Not sure 8%

Q8 In general, do you think President Trump is doing enough to protect America from the coronavirus, or not?

Yes 42%
No 52%
Not sure 6%

Q9 When it comes to social distancing, what do you think we as a country should be doing right now: do you think we are currently doing the right thing, or do you think we should relax social distancing measures?

Think we are currently doing the right thing ... 66%
Think we should relax social distancing measures 26%
Not sure 8%

Q10 Michigan is beginning to lift restrictions and reopen the state. Do you think Michigan is re-opening too quickly, not quickly enough, or do you think things are moving at about the right speed?

Think Michigan is re-opening too quickly 19%
Think Michigan is not re-opening quickly enough 35%
Think things are moving at about the right speed 43%
Not sure 4%





Q11 Who do you trust more to decide how to reopen the state: Governor Whitmer, or President Trump?

- Trust Governor Whitmer more*..... 58%
- Trust President Trump more*..... 36%
- Not sure* 6%

Q12 The country is facing a choice between reopening the economy more quickly or reopening it more safely. If you had to choose an option, which would you choose: reopening the economy more quickly, or reopening the economy more safely?

- Would choose to reopen the economy more quickly*..... 30%
- Would choose to reopen the economy more safely* 65%
- Not sure* 5%

Q13 Healthcare experts say we are nowhere near testing enough people for the coronavirus or being able to track and control its spread so that we can reopen our economy more safely and quickly, and as a result there will be additional unnecessary deaths. President Trump says we are ready to open safely and should proceed despite the likelihood of more deaths from the coronavirus. Who do you trust more?

- Trust healthcare experts more* 61%
- Trust President Trump more*..... 28%
- Not sure* 10%

Q14 Recently, some people have begun protesting to immediately re-open the country and end many of the safety measures meant to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Do you support or oppose these protesters?

- Support the protesters*..... 28%
- Oppose the protesters*..... 61%
- Not sure* 11%

Q15 Over 90,000 Americans have died from coronavirus, more than in the Vietnam and Korean Wars, and experts say 150,000 will die by August and more in the fall. How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump and his Administration’s handling of the coronavirus deserves when it comes to the number of Americans who have died from coronavirus: a great deal, some, or not very much?

- A great deal of responsibility* 43%
- Some responsibility*..... 17%
- Not very much responsibility*..... 35%
- Not sure* 5%

Q16 Over 36 million Americans so far have lost their jobs because of the coronavirus. How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump and his Administration’s handling of the coronavirus deserves when it comes to the number of Americans who have lost their jobs because of the coronavirus: a great deal, some, or not very much?

- A great deal of responsibility* 38%
- Some responsibility*..... 22%
- Not very much responsibility*..... 37%
- Not sure* 3%

Q17 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump*..... 46%
- Hillary Clinton*..... 45%
- Someone else / Did not vote*..... 9%

Q18 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman* 53%
- Man*..... 47%





Q19 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

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| <i>Democrat</i> | 35% |
| <i>Republican</i> | 31% |
| <i>Independent</i> | 34% |

Q20 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

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| <i>White</i> | 81% |
| <i>African-American</i> | 14% |
| <i>Other</i> | 5% |

Q21 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

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| <i>18 to 29</i> | 11% |
| <i>30 to 45</i> | 24% |
| <i>46 to 65</i> | 39% |
| <i>Older than 65</i> | 27% |

Q22 Mode

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| <i>Landline</i> | 50% |
| <i>Text</i> | 50% |

Q23 Media Market

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| <i>Detroit</i> | 49% |
| <i>Flint</i> | 11% |
| <i>Grand Rapids</i> | 20% |
| <i>Lansing</i> | 7% |
| <i>Marquette</i> | 2% |
| <i>Traverse City</i> | 7% |
| <i>Other</i> | 4% |

